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Title: WOOD-BASED DECORATIVE ARTICLE AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING THE SAME

REPLY

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003.

Applicants reiterate the requests to appropriately cite the Sadashige ('449) document on a Form PTO-892 and to restart the period for reply set forth in the Request for Copy of Reference and to Restart Period for Reply filed December 19, 2003. To date, no response to the Request has been received. A copy of the Request is appended to this Reply, along with a copy of a postcard showing receipt of the Request by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 19, 2003. Pursuant to the Request, no extension of time should be due in connection with this Reply. If, however, it is determined that the

Request should be denied, then please consider this to be a petition for extension of time and authorization to charge Deposit Account 05-1323 for the requisite extension of time fee of \$110.00.